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SUBJECT: US/HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE

REF: BUDAPEST 2034 AND 2159

1. WE BELIEVE THE MEETING YOU REFER TO IS THE SECOND CONFERENCE ON JOINT RESEARCH IN ECONOMICS, PARTIALLY SPONSORED BY IREX. THIS TOOK PLACE FROM JUNE 11-25 AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE ON THE HUNGARIAN SIDE BY PROFESSOR SIMAI. THIS IS NOT A CONTINUATION OF THE JANUARY 1976 ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, IN WHICH CFR WAS INVOLVED, BUT RATHER A FOLLOW-UP TO LAST YEAR'S MEETING AT BALATON.

2. U.S. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED EDWARD HEWITT, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS; JOSEPH BRADA, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, NYU; FRANKLIN HOLZMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, TUFTS.

3. IREX CLAIMS IT SENT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING TO EMBASSY BUDAPEST AS IT ROUTINELY DOES IN ALL SUCH CASES WHERE IREX IS INVOLVED WITH AD HOC OR PARTIALLY SUPPORTING TRAVEL GRANTS.

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4. NEITHER CU/EE OR EUR/EE WERE AWARE OF THE MEETING IN ADVANCE. ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS, EDWARD HEWITT, MET WITH EUR/EE OFFICERS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO BUDAPEST. HE DID NOT MENTION THE MEETING. KISSINGER

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